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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
Uglow, et al. )  
Application No: 09/788,105 )  
Filed: February 16, 2001 )  
For: DUAL- DAMASCENE DIELECTRIC )  
STRUCTURES )

Docket No: LAM1P106D

Group Art Unit: 2813

Examiner: Sutton, T.

Date: October 25, 2002

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**OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE**

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This paper is in response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2002. The period for response extends to October 25, 2002. Please enter the following:

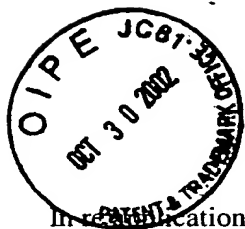
**REMARKS**

Claims 21-24, and 26-41 are pending after entry of this response.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 21-24, 26-30, and 36-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yau et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,054,379). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request reconsideration.

Among the many inventions taught by Yau et al., are dual damascene structures. The structure most often cited by the Examiner as a reference structure is the dual damascene structure of Yau et al. illustrated in Figures 10A through 10H, and described in the reference at

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Transmitted herewith is an Office Action Response in the above-identified application.

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## Claims

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TOTAL CLAIMS	20 -	20	0	X09 = \$	OR	X18 = \$
INDEP CLAIMS	04 -	04	0	X42 = \$	OR	X84 = \$
[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$140		\$280
TOTAL				\$		\$ 0

- ☐ Applicant hereby petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.
- ☒ Applicant believes that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant hereby petitions that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0805
- ☐ Enclosed is our Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the extension of time fee.
- ☒ If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM1P106D). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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